

**OUR MISSION: Follow Christ, Love all, Grow Disciples**

With great excitement, we are pleased to introduce our Small Group program for Lent. In Small Groups we challenge each other to pray, be authentic and to be committed to grow in our faith. We continue to grow our groups that were formed last fall and hope to form new groups so that more lives can be transformed in Christ.

This past September we discussed what it means to take the **NEXT STEPS** at Holy Eucharist: (remember the hard hats and the Construction theme?!)



**SERVE** - Using our gifts to serve in Ministry creates environments for others to experience God's presence

Give of **TREASURE** - As stewards, not owners, of the resources God has given us, we are called to sacrificial giving

**ENGAGE** - We believe faith grows in a circle. In Small Groups, we grow in fellowship and relationship with one another, God, and in ways we cannot grow on our own. Small Groups are where our big church gets small.

**PRAY** - We strive to practice daily prayer, Scripture reading, and full participation in the Sacraments to receive grace for our faith growth.

**SHARE** - Our strategy is to "Invest and Invite". That simply means we invest in the relationships we

This Lent, we will incorporate all of these steps in our journey. This week and next, however, we will look specifically at how we can **ENGAGE in SMALL GROUPS** through our **LIVE LENT** program. Here's why small groups matter:

- **Small groups foster close relationships and integral community.** The small group atmosphere is ready-made for building friendships. People talk more in small groups of people. People are quick to recognize needs, and help to meet them. The relationships formed within small groups form a strong fabric within a church
- **Small groups provide a way to live out your faith instead of merely hearing more preaching or teaching.** If Sunday is for listening, then the rest of the week is for living. Whether it's discussing the Sunday message, talking about a spiritual battle, or simply praying for one another, small groups create a context for Christians to live out their faith in real life.
- **Small groups participate in focused prayer for one another.** Prayer cannot be overrated, but it is often under practiced. Small groups can better participate in prayer for one another.

**Joining a small group ministry may be one of the most beneficial things you have ever done in your faith journey. Learn more and sign up in the Atrium or online the weekend of February 10 – you'll be glad you did!**

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